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### **Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Reimbursement**

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On December 21, 2017, MO HealthNet (MHD) released a provider bulletin that described a rate reduction for DME items currently reimbursed at rates higher than Medicare's allowed amounts.

MHD is holding that rate reduction in abeyance, pending further review.

On December 27, 2017, The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released a letter to State Medicaid Directors. The letter provided guidance regarding the limit on federal financial participation for DME items in Medicaid. The limit takes effect January 1, 2018, and is required due to passage of section 503 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, and section 5002 of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act of 2016.

MHD will conduct a review of its current reimbursement rates for all items of DME and will issue further guidance regarding any rate changes upon completion of the review.

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The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- Managed Care Services

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the MO HealthNet card or by calling the Provider Communications Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-751-2896 and using Option One for the red or white card.

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**573-751-2896**